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Applicant: Atsushi Kikuchi et al.

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SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD

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This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2003. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Species I: claims 1-8 and 17-24 and Species II: claims 9-16 and 25-32.

In response, applicant hereby elects examination of Species 1: claims 1-8 and 17-24.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of A. Kikuchi et al. in the above-identified patent application entitled SIGNAL PROCESSING DEVICE AND SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD.

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